

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(15)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

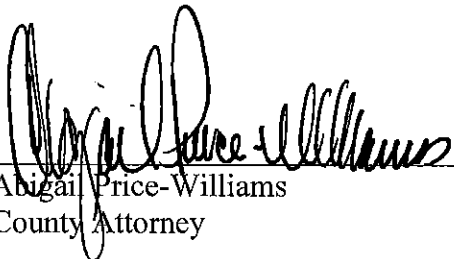
**DATE:** June 6, 2017

**FROM:** Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging Governor Rick Scott to expeditiously authorize the release of funds to Miami-Dade County to address the opioid crisis pursuant to Executive Order Number 17-146

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Sally A. Heyman.

  
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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Statement of social equity required
- ☒ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☐ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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6-6-17

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION URGING GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT TO  
EXPEDITIOUSLY AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF FUNDS TO  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO ADDRESS THE OPIOID CRISIS  
PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 17-146

**WHEREAS**, the opioid addiction epidemic is an increasingly alarming public safety and health crisis, affecting the nation and severely impacting Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's most recent annual report, in the first half of 2015, heroin deaths jumped 100 percent in Miami-Dade County compared to the same period from the previous year and deaths linked to fentanyl rose by 310 percent; and

**WHEREAS**, in a December 7, 2016 article, the *Miami Herald* reported on the staggering number of overdoses and deaths in Miami-Dade County caused by opioids; and

**WHEREAS**, specifically, from January through September 2016, the City of Miami Fire Rescue Department administered Naloxone approximately 1,000 times, nearly double the rate it dispensed the life-saving drug in all of 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to address the opioid epidemic locally, this Board adopted Resolution No. R-198-17, which created the Miami-Dade Opioid Addiction Task Force ("Task Force") and charged it to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the opioid addiction epidemic, identify best practices to address and curtail the opioid addiction epidemic, and compile information and develop a comprehensive opioid addiction action plan to halt the opioid addiction epidemic in Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, to comply with this Board's directives, the Task Force created the Education and Awareness, Healthcare Solutions, Treatment and Recovery, and Law Enforcement, Justice, and First Responders committees to address pertinent substantive matters related to or arising from the opioid epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, during committee and Task Force meetings, inadequate monetary resources were repeatedly identified as a prevailing factor that inhibited prevention, treatment and recovery support services; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of individuals in Miami-Dade County who could benefit from treatment and recovery services and programs significantly outnumber existing funding and other resources for such services and programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order Number 17-146, issued by Governor Rick Scott on May 3, 2017, declared a state of emergency due to the opioid epidemic and, among other things, authorized the immediate draw down of federal grant funding to provide prevention, treatment and recovery support services to address the opioid epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County respectfully requests the immediate release of funds to implement measures to tackle the considerable burdens and widespread social, health and economic costs that are directly related to or caused by opioid misuse and abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, this funding would provide this Board and other entities in Miami-Dade County with the means to provide additional prevention, treatment and recovery support services to directly combat the endemic opioid health crisis,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,** that this Board:

**Section 1.** Urges Governor Rick Scott to expeditiously authorize the release of funds to Miami-Dade County to address the opioid crisis pursuant to Executive Order Number 17-146.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of this Board to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation, the State Health Officer and Surgeon General, Secretary of the Florida Department of Health and Secretary of the Florida Department of Children and Families.

**Section 3.** Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the action set forth in Section 1 above.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Sally A. Heyman. It was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Chairman	
Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Daniella Levine Cava
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Sally A. Heyman
Barbara J. Jordan	Joe A. Martinez
Jean Monestime	Dennis C. Moss
Rebeca Sosa	Sen. Javier D. Souto
Xavier L. Suarez	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.



Shanika A. Graves

